

8. RESILIENT FUTURES CONFERENCE – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Board members Paula Smith and Jeremy Agar to attend the Resilient Futures Conference held at Lincoln College on 18 April 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Resilient Futures Conference was for attendees to hear from people who have worked on disaster recovery in places like Kobe, New Orleans, Chile and Haiti. Issues covered included mitigating hazards and regulating land use in geologically hazardous areas, humanitarian assistance for earthquakes and green recovery and reconstruction.
3. Information gained from the conference will be valuable for elected members participating in the earthquake recovery process for Christchurch.
4. There was insufficient time from when details of the conference were received, until it was convened, to be able to obtain prior approval from the Board for the members attendance, although Board members were verbally canvassed .

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The cost of the conference was \$74 plus GST per person. There is sufficient funding in the Boards operational budget for conference/training to enable a maximum of three members to attend.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes, provision for elected member training is made in the LTCCP, specifically under the Elected Member Representation activity.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes, there are no legal implications.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board retrospectively approve the attendance of Board members Paula Smith and Jeremy Agar at the Resilient Futures Conference held at Lincoln College on 18 April 2011.